

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Sheng-Ping Zhong                      Art Unit: 1615  
Serial No.: 10/777,802                      Examiner: Hasan Syed Ahmed  
Filed: 02/12/04                      Confirmation No.: 5369  
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Title: **LAYERED SILICATE NANOPARTICLES FOR CONTROLLED DELIVERY OF  
THERAPEUTIC AGENTS FROM MEDICAL ARTICLES**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This Response is being submitted in reply to the Final Office Action mailed April 1, 2010, having a date for response of July 1, 2010. This Response is timely submitted.

No fees are believed to be due. Any fees deemed to be due or credit for any overpayment for this application should be directed to Deposit Account Number 50-1047 and authorization is hereby given to charge such account.

Kindly consider the following Amendment and Remarks.

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**Remarks** begin on page 6.